

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the withdrawal of the previous rejections and the indication that claims 1 through 18 are allowed if objections on formal matters are overcome. Applicants herein respond to all of the Examiner's objections and, thus, respectfully submit that following entry of the present amendment, the present application should be in full condition for allowance. Specifically, claims 1 through 18 remain in this case, and independent claims 1 and 10 are amended as is the Specification, all in response to the formal matters raised by the Examiner.

Reconsideration and favorable action with respect to this application, based on this amendment and the following remarks, are respectfully requested. A Petition for an extension of time for one (1) month is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response from April 10, 2006, to May 10, 2006.

Specification

Per page 3, second paragraph, of the present Action, page 1 of the Specification is amended herein to provide serial numbers for two patent applications that were previously identified by filing date and docket number, and with the now-existing identification by serial number of each referenced patent application, each respective docket number is deleted.

Per page 2 of the present Action, under the heading "Drawings," the Examiner correctly notes that the reference character 93 is only used in the Abstract and seeks either a change in the Drawings or an amendment to the Specification. Accordingly, page 15 of the Specification is amended to include, in an appropriate location, a reference to step 93 of Figure 9. Antecedent support for this amendment is provided by the amended paragraph as well as the text starting at page 13, line 9 and thereafter.

Claims

Claim 1 is objected to and the Examiner suggests alternative text as a matter of informality. Thus, without prejudice, disclaimer, or waiver, the present amendment adopts the Examiner's suggested alternative text.

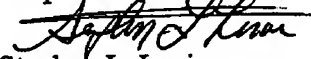
Similarly, claim 10 is objected to and the Examiner suggests alternative text as a matter of informality. Again, without prejudice, disclaimer, or waiver, the present amendment adopts the Examiner's suggested alternative text as it pertains to the explanation provided by the Examiner. However, as an additional matter, it is noted that the Examiner's suggested text, on page 5 of the Action (see lines 2 and 4 thereof), uses the word "instant" instead of the word "instance," where the latter was in the pending claim. The undersigned assumes the Examiner did not intend to request a change from "instance" to "instant" since the Examiner does not discuss such a change and, therefore, claim 10 in this regard remains unamended, that is, it continues to recite "in one *instance*" and "in another *instance*..."

Conclusion, Petition, and Fees

A Petition for an extension of time for one (1) month is submitted herewith, along with authority to charge the petition fee (and any other necessary fee(s)) to Deposit Account 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now in this case are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action with respect to this application is therefore respectfully requested.

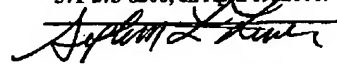
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